

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	12485	Agenda Number	19.
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Meeting Date:	February 9, 2012
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a 60-month service contract with RUSSELECTRIC, for preventative and corrective maintenance of the main switchgear and related breakers for Austin Energy at the Combined Transportation, Emergency and Communications Center for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$150,078. Russelectric is the sole source provider for this equipment.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$15,843 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining 53 months of the original contract period is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Sole Source.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Karen Williams, Senior Buyer, 512 322-6467
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Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission.
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.
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Related Items:	
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Additional Backup Information

This contract with Russelectric, Hingham, MA, will provide for preventative and corrective maintenance of the main Russelectric manufactured switchgear and related breakers at the Combined Transportation, Emergency & Communications Center (CTECC). CTECC is home to 911 Operations for the Austin and Travis County region, and is supported by dual utility feeds to ensure 99.999% reliability. The switchgear is critical to a seamless transfer of power in the event one utility source fails. This equipment ensures the uninterrupted power supply to critical equipment in the event of utility power failure. The system ensures the reliability and operation of Public Safety site systems, and reduces the risk of unscheduled equipment downtime to the 911 Operations.

This contract will also provide for 16 hours of on-site training annually. The annual training will be performed by an Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) Authorized Representative and focus on troubleshooting techniques. The periodic inspection and preventative maintenance services provided under this contract are in accordance with OEM performance and technical specifications and/or industry best practices for similar equipment. In addition to the established maintenance schedule, the contract also provides for both routine and emergency repair services of equipment 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including holidays, with the contractor responding within eight hours of notification. The Contractor is able to meet this response time from its field office in the Houston area.

As specified in the Interdepartmental Service Agreement between Austin Energy (AE) and the City of Austin (COA) Communications and Technology Management (CTM), acting on behalf of CTECC, AE is responsible for providing all Facility Maintenance Services (FMS) for the CTECC facility. AE provides internal labor and manages contractors then bills CTM for the services. CTM bills other owners according to their share of ownership as outlined in the Interlocal Agreement between the COA, the Texas Department of Transportation, the Travis County Sheriff's Office and the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority. Per the FMS agreement between AE and the COA, all mission critical systems must be maintained by the OEM or representatives certified by the OEM. Russelectric is the OEM for this switchgear and automatic transfer switches and does not train or authorize any other parties to service their equipment so this service is not available from any other source.